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TWO CENTS.

BULGARS RETREAT AFTER DEFEATS

Hard Pressed at Different Points by French, Brit- ish and Serbs

LOST MANY MEN AND THEIR HEAVY GUNS

The Despatches Indicate That the Entente Allies Have Routly Their New-
est Enemy in Several Important Po-
sitions.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—The entente allies have won a series of successes on the Macedonian front, the war office announced today. French, British and Serbian forces operating at different points have broken through the Bulgarian defenses. The French have captured positions half a mile deep over a front of a mile.

A brilliant victory for the Serbians over the Bulgarians was scored after a battle lasting several days. The Serbians, near the western end of the fighting front, the British success was effected west of Vardar near the center of the entente front where they captured important positions. The lines forced by the French were to the east of the Vardar. East of the Vardar the Serbians captured 25 cannon and a large number of prisoners. Bulgarians after their defeat, says the statement, retired for a distance of 12 miles.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—An exchange Telegraph despatch from Saloniki says the victory won by the Serbians has compelled the Bulgarians to retreat. The Serbians are reported to have captured more than 20 field guns. They took the Bulgarians' position at Malkandze, northwest of Lake Ostrovo, the despatch says, whereupon the Bulgarians retired in the direction of Florina. The Bulgarians also are said to be retreating from positions further south.

Centre Congregational Church

Friday evening, Sept. 15, at 7:30—Midweek meeting of the church in the chapel. Subject, Christ and Other Masters. John 13:1-17; Mark 1:14-22.

Sunday, Sept. 17.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Subject of sermon, The Larger Life of the Local Church.
11:45 a. m.—Sunday school.
7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Subject, Little Chances to Help. Ex. 17:8-13. Leader, Clyde Horton.
7:45 p. m.—Address in the church by Rev. James L. Tryon, director of the New England department of the American Peace society. Subject, The Parliament of Men. An offering will be received.

First Baptist Church

Tonight at 7:30 regular Friday night prayer meeting will be held in the church.

THIS IS Touring Time

Ease Your Trip by Stopping
to Eat at
The Newfane Inn
E. A. Whitcomb, Prop.

Fenton's Men's Shop

Main Street — Opposite Elliot Street

Opens Tomorrow SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 2 O'CLOCK

Every man and every woman in Brattleboro and vicinity is cordially invited to

Everyman's Store

SMASHED GERMANS ON THE SOMME FRONT

British Advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 Yards and Are Still Gaining—
French Take Trenches.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The British returned to the attack on the Somme front last night, charging over a sector about six miles long. The war office announced today that they had advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 yards and were continuing to progress. The attack was made along the whole British front over which the heaviest fighting has been in progress recently.

The British advanced in a line between Comblès and Ginehy to a point north of the Albert-Bapaume highway.

Proceeding this morning's extensive offensive movement the British last night drove forward southeast of Thiéval and captured about 1,000 yards of German trenches, including a strongly fortified position.

PARIS, Sept. 15.—North of the Somme the French last night captured a series of German trenches and advanced as far as the village of Raucourt, the war office announced today. On the Verdun front two German attacks were repulsed.

TROUBLE MAKING

NEW SILVER COINS

Dies for the Latest Issue Are Unsat-
isfactory — Mint Running Nights
to Meet Demands.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 15.—The United States mint here is having trouble in making satisfactory dies for the new dimes, quarters and half dollars from designs of the treasury department and in consequence there is delay in getting the currency into circulation. It was hoped to have it in circulation in July. At present the mint is working nights manufacturing silver coins of the old design to keep up with the demand.

PEDESTRIANS HAVE TO USE THE STREET

Walks on Main Thoroughfare Torn Up
in Several Places — Endured in
Interest of Improvements.

Pedestrians are having a tough time on Main street. With the changes being made in front of the building to be occupied by Woolworth & Co., the sidewalk torn up in front of the federal building, the construction work on the Barber building, and lastly the tearing up of the sidewalk in front of the American building, the street is about the only place where it is possible to walk. With automobiles rushing along the mud flies and clothes are ruined, but the inconvenience is endured by a long-suffering public in the interest of improvements.

DROPPED BOMBS ON SOFIA

Two French Airmen Made a Flight of
About 500 Miles.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Five bombs have been dropped on Sofia by two French aviators. Two French airmen flew from Saloniki to Bucharest, passing over Sofia on their way. The distance traversed was about 500 miles and the voyage lasted five hours.

HEAVY BRITISH LOSS.

Delayed Report of Fighting in Mesopotamia Received in London.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—Renewal of the heavy fighting in Mesopotamia with the British on the offensive is reported in a delayed official statement issued at Constantinople on Sept. 9. The British are said to have lost 2,000 men in one engagement.

THE WEATHER.

Clearing and Colder Tonight—Fair and
Cooler Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The weather forecast: Showers followed by clearing and cooler tonight. Saturday fair and cooler. Fresh shifting winds becoming west.

BORDER QUESTION IS HARD TO SETTLE

Many Obstacles Have Arisen in Conference of Joint Commission

GEN. BLISS OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSALS

It Seems Unlikely That Any Plan for
Joint Policing of Border Will Prove
Acceptable — Mexico Must Realize
Her Obligations.

NEW LONDON, Sept. 15.—Practical obstacles have arisen in the consideration by the mixed joint commission here of numerous suggestions for the pacification of the border which make it seem improbable at this time that any agreement can be formulated without prolonged discussion.

Major General Bliss, assistant chief of staff of the army, was before the commission today to point out the objections that can be raised to many of the proposals, including that of an international constabulary to relieve the military of both countries of the border patrol work.

The commission held only a brief session, the Mexicans planning to leave for New York today to attend the celebration tomorrow of Mexico's great holiday commemorating the declaration of her independence and the throwing off of Spanish rule.

They will return Monday, when the conferences will be resumed. There can be no doubt that one of the purposes of the Washington administration is to arouse Mexico to the moral obligation that is felt rests upon her to protect American interests along the international boundary from the depredations of Mexican bandits. For this reason it seems unlikely that any plan for policing the border will prove acceptable that seems to relieve her of that responsibility.

MRS. HADLEY MADE HONORARY MEMBER

Brattleboro Chapter, D. A. R., Holds
Annual Meeting — Star Spangled
Banner in Song and Story.

Brattleboro chapter, D. A. R., held its September meeting yesterday afternoon in the Unitarian parish house. The rooms were very tastefully decorated with cut flowers, red, white and blue colors being used exclusively. A large flag was suspended in the main audience room. Mrs. Mary Field Hadley was made an honorary member of the chapter in honor of her approaching 100th birthday anniversary.

As Sept. 14 is the anniversary of the writing of the Star Spangled Banner, Mrs. J. J. Vanderveer read a very interesting article written by Francis Scott Key, 2d, giving the story as told by his illustrious grandfather, of his imprisonment on the British man of war in the harbor at Baltimore, where he was an unwilling witness to the bombardment of Fort Mifflin Sept. 14, 1814, and which occasioned his writing the Star Spangled Banner.

Mrs. S. E. Lawton and Miss Hutchins then sang Star Spangled Banner very acceptably, after which the social committee served tea, assisted by Miss Gladys Holden and Miss Delia Newcomb, closing a very delightful afternoon.

VAIL MADE ADDRESS.

Vermonters Spoke at Business and Farm
Conference in Springfield.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 15.—Plans for the formation of a farm and business union to cover the New England states were discussed at a conference of farmers and business men which opened here today. T. N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, came here to make the opening address.

BIRTHS.

In Brattleboro, Sept. 11, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fadden.

BRATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Will Open for the Fall Term
Monday, September 18
at 10 a. m.

The building will not be open for pupils before that hour on the first day of school. Parents or pupils who wish to consult Principal Smith about school matters may do so at any time during office hours, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16, 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m., in the main room, second floor of the high school building.
E. B. SMITH, Principal.

Special Notice

To announce Otis Duquette, teacher of Modern Dancing, this Friday evening, Sept. 15, Island Park.

MILL PROPERTIES BRING \$36,425.42

Successful Sale of Sheridan Woolen Mills in Ashuelot Conducted by
Conant & Co. of Lowell.

The auction sale of the properties of the Sheridan Woolen Mills, Hugh Sheridan owner, at Ashuelot, N. H., took place yesterday. The sale began promptly at 11 o'clock in the forenoon with lot No. 1, which comprised the entire manufacturing plant—both realty and personality—as a going concern. The purchaser of lot No. 1 was John J. McCloskey of Philadelphia, and this sale realized (including the taxes) \$18,287.50. The village properties—some 25 distinct and separate parcels—were sold both locally and to the purchaser of the mill property at a sum aggregating \$18,137.92.

The attendance at the sale, because of the manufacturing property, comprised some 25 mill owners or those interested in textile manufacturing investments. There were three separate, active bidders upon the manufacturing property, to the end, and at the beginning there were five bidders in all in competition for the manufacturing plant. There were at one time fully 150 persons in attendance at the sale.

It took just three hours and three-quarters to complete the sale of the entire 26 properties of the Sheridan Woolen Mills. The day was a beautiful one, and there were at least 75 automobiles by the mill site at one time, with license plates from every one of the New England states, also from New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

It is thought that possibly Mr. Sheridan may be somewhat disappointed in the result of the sale, as he had laid out a large sum in improving the property, but the consensus of opinion after the sale was that it was a very successful one. The field resorted to from which to draw purchasers was thoroughly covered. The interest in the sale, preceding yesterday, by mail, telephone and night telegrams, was unusual.

The mill property was thoroughly looked over during the week and was thrown open to public exhibition and inspection by at least a dozen interested persons who represented many of the most extensive manufacturing interests through the New York and Boston commission houses. That the sale cleaned up the property so effectively and so completely cannot be otherwise than gratifying to the office of J. E. Conant & Co. of Lowell, Mass., the auctioneers.

It was stated after the sale that the new owners were planning to open the mills at once, manufacturing a line of woollens. Mr. Sheridan has made a special line of goods known as Cumberland chinchillas at the mills, and did a very successful business so long as his health permitted. The mills have been closed for some weeks, and the resumption of business there will be of great benefit to the village of Ashuelot.

LONG TRAINS AN INCONVENIENCE

Extend Well Beyond Station Platform,
Making it Necessary for Passen-
gers to Alight on Ground.

The inconvenience of the long trains that are being run on the Boston & Maine railroad at the local union station, was never better illustrated than this afternoon when the 1:46 train for New York arrived at the station drawn by two engines. In order to permit the baggage to be loaded even at the extreme southern end of the cinder extension of the cement platform the stop must be made with only the first six cars of a 13-car train in a position where it is possible for passengers to alight from or board the train at the platform.

All of the nine Pullman cars were at the forward end of the train, leaving the three day coaches and the dining car well north of the bridge street grade crossing. This compelled the passengers to alight in a heavy rain in the upper yard and wade through mud and cinders and climb over switch rods in order to reach the shelter of the station platform roof. Those who boarded the day coaches were compelled to walk well up into the yard.

COUNTRY CLUB NOTES.

Dennison Cowles, sr., and Dennison Cowles, jr., are tied for The Reformer cup. Competition for this trophy closes today. The younger Cowles turned in a card of 91, with 18 handicap, making his net mark 72. The elder Cowles made the 18 holes in 102, his handicap being 30.

Jacob and Joseph Estey made a good showing in the tournament at Manchester yesterday, both qualifying in the second 16, the former with a score of 99 and the latter with 91. Over 100 golfers, representing many different clubs, played in this tournament. Max Marston of Batusrol and R. D. Pierce of Brae Burn tied for the gold medal for lowest score, each having a 77.

Play for the president's cup, the prize for the club championship, is now under way and all matches in the first round are to be finished not later than Monday. The following are the scores to date: D. Cowles, jr., defeated D. Cowles, sr., 3 up and 2 to play; L. L. Dunham won from Merrill Haskell, 8 up and 7 to play; Ringham beat G. L. Dunham, 6 up and 5 to play; F. H. Sanford defeated R. W. Hodges, 4 up and 3 to play.

JAMAICA.

Mrs. Edith Rowe of Clinton, Mass., and Harold Stearns of Brooklyn, brother and sister of Mrs. Hartwell, are also here with her.

Rev. Harry Hartwell of Manzanoma, Wis., will preach Sunday in the Congregational church. The service will take the form of a memorial for Rev. A. E. Hartwell.

GENERAL STRIKE REMAINS A MENACE

VIOLENCE RENEWED DURING THE NIGHT

Officials Hope to Avert Sym- pathetic Action by Trades Unions

Elevated Cars Bombarded with Stones,
Bricks and Other Missiles —
Bullet Grazed Shoulder of Passenger
on 9th Avenue Line.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Although union leaders have virtually abandoned the hope that Mayor Mitchell and the public service commission may bring about a peaceful adjustment of the differences between the lighting street railway men and their employers the belief was strong in official circles today that some action would be taken within the next 24 hours to avert the threatened sympathetic strike of 70,000 trade unionists.

The Central Federated union of Manhattan is to hold a special meeting to consider the advisability of joining in a strike that will astound New York.

The Brooklyn Central labor union comprising 95 local unions, already has voted in favor of such a strike. During the night violence broke out anew. From midnight the Sixth and Ninth avenue elevated trains were almost continuously bombarded with stones, bricks and other missiles. One guard was injured and many windows were broken. The police report that a shot was fired at a Ninth avenue train and that the bullet flattened itself against the woodwork after grazing the shoulder of a passenger.

Service on the subway and elevated lines continues normal. The surface lines are still crippled.

TAG DAY FOR REST ROOM TOMORROW

List of Solicitors Who Will Cover Va-
rious Sections of Town and Vil-
lage—Boy Scouts to Help.

The following is the expected list of solicitors for tag day for the benefit of the rest room tomorrow. Prospect hill, Margaret Frost, Margaret McKee, Evelyn Hamilton, Dorothy Edwards, Katherine Sercombe, Mildred Stockwell, Mavertie Hamilton, Leona Barker, Milton Dyke, Raymond Sinclair; Esteyville and Oak Grove avenue, Opal Hudson, Mildred Eddy; West Brattleboro, Ruth Prentiss, with other helpers; Guilford street to West Brattleboro bridge, Mrs. Prescott; from junction of High and Green streets to Creamery bridge, Minnie Cooper and Marion Ulmer; Chestnut hill, Mrs. Howard C. Rice; Highlawn road, Mrs. E. H. Crane; High street, Mrs. Oscar P. Benson; Green street, Lelia Barber, Marjorie Waterman; Putney road, Mrs. Henry Tucker; Linden street and vicinity, Howard Vincent, Miss Elizabeth Atkinson; Grove street and Williston streets, Mrs. C. C. Fitts; Chase and Forest streets, Mrs. Robert Dunklee; Oak street, Jessie Ransom; Spring street, Mrs. Anna Shaw; Frost and Elliot streets and vicinity to Spring street, Helen Chamberlain, Rose Johnson; Spring street to Main street, Eleanor Clay, Charlene Thomas; Main street from bridge to postoffice, Miss Florence Hemenway Wells, Miss Leona Wright, Charlotte Hildreth, Lelia Thompson, Evelyn Fisher; from postoffice to Walnut street, inclusive, Dorothy Hubbard, Malva Roberts; from Wells fountain to Putney road, Mildred Greenwood; Swedeville, Alma Johnson, Gladys Adams; from the corner of South Main and Canal streets to Pine street, including the Estey shops, Marion Fraser, Ruth Stoddard, Gladys Holden, Susan Grafton, Edith Adams and Dorothy Schwenk.

The following is a list of those not assigned territory: Grace Colby, Pauline Palmer and Cora Perry. The Boy Scouts will help in the solicitation.

The tags may be obtained at the rest room at any time today or tomorrow. They will be of a color different from that used last year. Refreshments will be served the solicitors at the rest room.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

George W. Duncan of Rutland Charged
With Killing His Wife.

RUTLAND, Sept. 15.—After one of the shortest sessions in the history of the county, being at work less than one day, the grand jury which was sworn in Wednesday afternoon, reported yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock with one true bill and one bill not found. The true bill is against George W. Duncan, who is accused of first degree murder. It is claimed by the state that he shot and killed Mrs. Duncan on August 5, the woman dying at the Rutland hospital the morning following the shooting. The trial will probably take place at an early date.

Eggs may be fresh, but they are never impudent.

MISS STREETER WEDS FRANK P. BARBER

Home Wedding on Pine Street Unites
Two Well-Known Young People
—Left Town by Automobile.

In the presence of the relatives and a few invited guests, the marriage of Frank Palmer Barber and Miss Ethel Maria Streeter took place at 8 o'clock last evening in the bride's home on Pine street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard H. Clapp, pastor of the Centre Congregational church, the bridal party standing under an arch of hydrangeas and asparagus green, which was built between the living room and dining room. The Bridal March from Lohengrin was played by Miss Minnie Leitsinger, who also played softly The Venetian Love Song during the ceremony. A double ring service was used.

The bride's gown was white tulle with chiffon and lace trimmings and she carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. Sylvia Dieckman of Hinsdale, niece of the bride, carried the rings concealed in a basket of flowers. She was dressed in white with blue ribbons.

A reception followed the ceremony. Mrs. Anna Proctor, Mrs. Luman Weeks, Mrs. Harold Webster, Miss Flossie Ober and Robert Kirby served. Mr. and Mrs. Barber left last night by automobile for a trip through the White mountains. Upon their return they will live at 77 Pine street.

Mrs. Barber, who is a daughter of Mrs. L. F. Clark of Brattleboro, graduated from the Hinsdale high school in the class of 1904. For several years she has been employed as bookkeeper in J. E. Mann's drygoods store.

Mr. Barber is a son of Mrs. Jennie L. Clifford, also of this town. He has had a position several years as head clerk in the Brooks House pharmacy.

BIG SHIP BURNED. PASSENGERS SAVED

Pacific Coast Liner Destroyed in Sight
of the Oregon Coast, But All
Were Rescued.

MARSHFIELD, Oregon, Sept. 15.—The Pacific Coast Steamship company's big passenger steamer Congress, San Francisco to Seattle, with 253 passengers and a crew of 170 aboard, caught fire eight miles off shore near Coos Bay Wednesday evening, and was a total loss at midnight. All the passengers and crew were rescued, the bar dredge Colonel E. S. Michie, and the passenger vessels, Tillamook and Yellowstone, going to her assistance.

At 4:30 in the afternoon the Congress was sighted by the Coos Bay lookout enveloped in smoke. Shortly afterward a radio message from the burning vessel appealing for quick aid was received here. Captain N. E. Consins said she had caught fire in her No. 3 hold and that there was no hope of saving the vessel. The Michie, which was near by, answered the call, and as there was a calm sea the work of rescue was accomplished without danger.

Crowds lined the waterfront here and the steamer, though eight miles away, could plainly be seen. Due to the peril of an explosion from her fuel oil tanks, the Michie and other ships were forced to stand away from the doomed vessel while boats took off her passengers and crew. Officials of the operating company chartered a special train to take the passengers to Seattle.

The Congress was built in Camden, N. J., three years ago, and was said to be the finest coastwise steamer in the San Francisco-Seattle trade. She left San Francisco with 216 first cabin and 37 steerage passengers. One hundred and twelve of the passengers were from Southern California points and the Congress was of 7,985 tons, 438 feet long and 54 feet beam, and was valued at \$1,250,000.

FENTON TO OPEN STORE TOMORROW

New Men's Shop at Former Location of
Root's Pharmacy Has Especially
Attractive Entrance.

E. J. Fenton will open tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock his new men's clothing and furnishings store on Main street in what was formerly the store occupied by Root's pharmacy. The front of the store has been transformed and the entire interior arranged especially for the needs of the business to be conducted there.

The entrance is different from any other in town and especially attractive. Instead of the two steps that formerly led from the sidewalk to the store floor level there is one low one and a sloping arway 10 feet in length to the doorway, which is the width only of a single wide door.

The display windows on both sides of the entrance are deep, and two feet from the door on both sides of the area is a jog in the windows which gives further opportunity for display of goods to be seen from the front.

The arway is paved with red tile and the entrance is in brass letters in the floor. Over the arway at the extreme front is the name Fenton in colored glass, surmounted with prismatic glass, which is very effective when illuminated at night.

The display windows are enclosed, and prismatic glass aids in the lighting of the store. The store will be known as Fenton's Men's Shop.

WEST WARDSBORO.

Baptist church, Edgar W. Johnson pastor. Sunday at 10:45, morning worship. Subject, In a Hard Field; 12 m., Bible school. All are welcome; 7:30 p. m., subject, Paul, a Prisoner at Jerusalem.

HOME FOR AGED LOSES WILL CASE

Judge Schwenk Decides in Favor of Daughter of Testator

APPEAL TO COUNTY COURT PROBABLE

Contestant Was to Benefit from \$15,000
Estate — Claimed Last Will Was Re-
sult of Undue Influence and that
Maker Was Incompetent.

Judge A. F. Schwenk of the Marlboro district probate court has rendered his decision in the contested will case of the late George W. Walker. He has decided that the last will which was drawn for Mr. Walker and which left all of the property, after two small bequests were cared for, to his daughter, Mrs. Susan Randall, and her husband, William M. Randall, of Putney road, is a valid will.

A contest was made in the interests of the Home for the Aged and Disabled, based on a copy of what was claimed to have been the first will drawn for Mr. Walker. By this will Adin F. Miller, as trustee, was given power at his discretion to use for the benefit of Mrs. Randall such of the testator's property as he deemed necessary or advisable. After her death all of the estate was to go to the Home for the Aged and Disabled.

Three wills were made for Mr. Walker. The first was drawn by Charles S. Chase in 1912 and a second one, practically a duplicate of the first, was drawn by the same attorney two years later.

Mr. Chase, in testifying in the case, said that last fall Mr. Randall asked him to go to the Randall house, where Mr. Walker lived, as Mr. Walker desired to make a new will. Mr. Chase testified that Mr. Walker expressed himself as satisfied with the original will when the attorney arrived there and the attorney did not consider that Mr. Walker was competent at that time to make a new will.

A few days later Mr. Chase received an order to turn over the wills in his possession to Attorney E. W. Gibson and on Dec. 16 the third will, which has now been sustained by the probate court, was drawn. The contestants claimed that undue influence was used to induce Mr. Walker to execute a third will.

Dr. A. I. Miller, one of the witnesses examined at the hearings on the case, testified that he saw Mr. Walker at the time Mr. Chase did and that he did not consider Mr. Walker capable of making a will then. Mr. Walker died in March at the age of 93.

Attorneys W. B. Daley and R. C. Bacon appeared for Mrs. Randall, and Attorneys C. C. Fitts and H. E. Whitney for the contestant.

It is understood that the contestant, the Home for the Aged and Disabled, will appeal from Judge Schwenk's decision to the county court.

The estate is said to be valued at about \$15,000.

KICK OF HORSE KILLS GIRL.

Little Daughter of Thomas King of
Fairfax Dies in Hospital.

ST. ALBANS, Sept. 15.—Alma, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas King of Fairfax, died in the hospital in this city yesterday morning from the effects of being kicked by a horse. Her father was watering the animal when the accident occurred. The little girl's skull was fractured. She died about an hour after she was brought to the hospital.



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